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1. THIS RESPONDS TO YOUR REQUEST FOR OUR ASSESSMENT OF
HONG KONG FIRMS TO PROVIDE MAJOR OVERHAUL SUPPORT OF F-27
AND FH-227 AIRCRAFT.

2. THE HONG KONG AIRCRAFT ENGINEERING COMPANY (HAECO) IS
THE SINGLE AIRCRAFT ENGINE OVERHAUL DEPOT IN HONG KONG. IT IS A
MAJOR CONTRACTOR FOR OVERHAUL AND REPAIR OF A WIDE SPECTRUM
OF AIRCRAFT FROM LOCKHEED 1011 & BOEING 707 TO PRE-WORLD
WAR TWO AIRCRAFT. THE COMPANY IS SOUNDLY BASED FINANCIALLY
AND FEATURES A HIGHLY SKILLED ENGINEERING SALES AND ADMIN-
ISTRATIVE STAFF. ITS FACILITIES FOR REPAIR ARE FAA CERTI-
FIED AND PRODUCE A QUALITY PRODUCT.

3. REGARDING THE SPECIFIC AIRCRAFT IN QUESTION, HAECO COULD
DO ALL REQUIRED MAINTENANCE EXCEPT REPAIR OF AN OCCASIONAL
COMPONENT PART. THIS WOULD BE THE CASE REGARDLESS OF THE
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REPAIR FACILITY SELECTED. HAECO HAS RECENTLY CONTRACTED TO
PROVIDE MAJOR OVERHAUL FOR A PHILIPPINE AIR FORCE F-27 THIS
CONTRACT WAS LET AFTER OPEN INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION WHEREIN
HAECO WAS ONLY ONE OF MANY BIDDERS. THE COMPANY IS A CERTI-
FIED REPAIR STATION FOR F27 PROPELLORS, LANDING GEAR, WHEELS
AND BRAKES. ADDITIONALLY IT IS AN APPROVED OVERHAUL FACILITY
FOR F-27/227 ENGINES. THIS INCLUDES AN ON-THE-SHELF STOCK

WORTH US\$1.5 MILLION.

4. AN ADDITIONAL POINT IN HAECI'S FAVOR IS AN ESTABLISHED INTERFACE WITH THE BURMESE GOVERNMENT WHICH GOES BACK TO HAECO'S FOUNDING 27 YEARS AGO. THE LATEST CONTRACT WITH BURMA WAS COMPLETED IN 1976.

5. IN SUMMARY WE BELIEVE HAECO CAPABLE OF PROVIDING ALL REQUIRED SUPPORT FOR THE F-27/227 IN A TIMELY MANNER AND AT THE HIGHEST PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS.
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